

2019 US National Hot Air Balloon Championship
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Decision of Jury

RE: Protest by Competitor #18, Andrew (AJ) Nels
Task #3 CRAT flown on Wed 8-14-2019 AM

Summary of Protest:

Pilot states the "Circle" should be included in Scoring Area A and Scoring Area B as it is not specifically excluded in the description of "Valid Times" on the Task Data Sheet (TDS).

Decision of Jury:

Jury finds that:

- TDS defines "Circle & Inside (gray) excluding target", separate from Scoring Area A and Scoring Area B.
- TDS Comment "Any weighted part of Marker touching target or dark gray shaded circle is considered in that scoring area" defines the gray area as circle being part of area inside target, separate from Scoring Area A & Scoring Area B.
- All questions during briefing dealt with markers touching X fabric and Circle Fabric without reference to Scoring Area A or Scoring Area B.

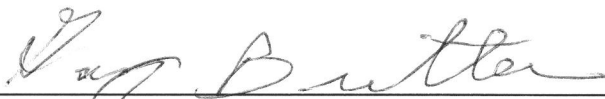
Jury finds that while a color printer would have been helpful, the shades of gray did create a definition that was clearly separation from Scoring Area A & Scoring Area B.

Jury denies the protest lodged by Competitor #18.

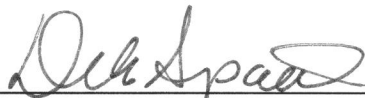
Decision on Return of \$100 Jury Deposit Fee:

Per Rule #5.8.1, the protest fee is retained.

Signed & Dated August 16, 2019



Gary Britton, Jury President



Debbie Spaeth, Jury Member



Joe Zvada, Jury Member